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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the following Preliminary Amendment be entered.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 36, before line 1, please insert the following paragraphs:

-- An alternative route to prepare cycloalkyl-constrained  $\beta$ -amino acids is depicted in Reaction Schemes 5b and 5c, below. The initial six steps of Scheme 5b (up to the 1-MeOBn-2,3-epoxycyclopentane) is taken directly from the literature: Colombini et al. (1995), *Tetrahedron* 51:8089.

Reaction 5b

Reaction 5c

## **CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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